

CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIVITY: NORTHWEST ST. HELENS ROAD
BETWEEN THE BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD BRIDGE
AND ST. JOHNS BRIDGE

- 1850 Act to create Office of Surveyor General of Public Lands in Oregon to provide for survey and donation of land to settlers.
- 1852 (p) St. Johns ferry begins operation connecting the eastern and western banks of the Willamette River. (See photo 1 dated 1920's)
- 1866 Claim was officially recorded awarding the land to Elizabeth Doane and the heirs at law of Milton Doane, deceased.
- 1889 Astoria & Columbia River Railroad completed linking Portland and Astoria.
- 1903 U.S. Government Moorings purchases Parcel 'A' for \$6,450.00.
- 1905 U.S. Government Moorings purchases Parcel 'B' for \$3,000.00. Parcel 'A' & 'B' total 6 acres.
- 1908 Double track railroad bridge across Doane's Lake and the Willamette River completed.
- 1913 (p) Portland Gas and Coke begins operation. (See photo 2 - notice U.S. Moorings north of P.G. & C. and vacant land to the south).
- 1915 Area annexed to City of Portland.
- 1931 St. Johns Bridge completed.
- 1936 (p) Aerial photograph showing two bridges, U.S. Moorings, Portland Gas & Coke, vacant, wooded property, and Doane's Lake split by railroad (note oil company docks off of vacant property in river). Photo 3 (May).
- 1940's (p) Aerial photograph (notice some filing has been done by Portland Gas & Coke adjacent to the south of their facility). Photo 4 (October).
- 1940 U.S. Government Moorings purchases additional 5.29 acres for \$7,837.00.

- 1948 (p) Aerial photograph - entire area is under flooding conditions; notice flooding of U.S. Moorings, Portland Gas & Coke and the undeveloped property - flooding of vacant land is at the periphery and not at the center; Pennwalt has begun operation. Photo 5 (June).
- 1949 (p) Photo looking west of Portland Gas & Coke with undeveloped site in foreground. Photo 6 (August).
- 1952 (p) Photo looking southeast of Portland Gas & Coke; standing water on eastern edge of P.G. & C.; Doane's Lake visible adjacent to railway tracks; rock quarry in middle of photo on west side of St. Helens Road. Photo 7 (July).
- 1952 (p) Photo looking west of St. Johns Bridge; notice berm for water flow in foreground. Berm is eastern boundary of pond which has been created by tree removal on western edge of undeveloped property. Photo 8 (April).
- 1955 Last full year of gas production at Portland Gas & Coke facility.
- 1957 (p) Aerial; holding pond is visible in center of photograph with little water in it; dirt roadway visible through undeveloped property; Doane's Lake on western side of railroad appears to be empty of water. Photo 9 (May).
- 1961 (p) Aerial; logging of western portion of undeveloped property has begun. Photo 10 (April).
- 1961 (p) Looking south at Northwest Natural Gas; holding pond visible; logging of undeveloped property has begun; Doane's Lake on each side of railroad has water. Photo 11 (March).
- 1964 Rosenfeld and Anderson purchase portion of undeveloped property from railroad and Northwest Natural Gas Company.
- 1967 (p) Aerial; undeveloped site has been completely logged; filling appears to have begun. Photo 12.
- 1969 (p) Photo looking south from St. Johns Bridge; portions of Portland Gas & Coke facility have been removed; undeveloped site is logged. Photo 13 (February).
- 1969 Schnitzer purchases portion of undeveloped property from railroad.

- 1973 (p) Aerial; more fill and grading has been done on undeveloped site; portion of Doane's Lake on northern side of railroad has been filled; shore line along undeveloped property has been straightened; Portland Gas & Coke facility has been completely removed. Photo 14 (August).
- 1974 Undeveloped site is filled with 695,522 yards of dredge material by Port of Portland.
- 1974 Crown Zellerbach purchases portion of undeveloped property from railroad.
- 1977 (p) Aerial; undeveloped site has been filled and graded; Photo 15 (December).
- 1978 Undeveloped site purchased by City of Portland.
- 1978 (p) Site development has begun. Photo 16 (October).
- 1979 (p) Wacker construction has begun. Photo 17 (July).
- 1983 (p) Aerial; Wacker construction is complete on previously undeveloped site. Photo 18 (July).
- 1984 (p) Color photo looking south from St. Johns Bridge. Photo 19.